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CONTROL OF MEDICAL OBJECTS

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Commissioner:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 29, 2005, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-10 and 17-19), which is drawn to an apparatus for providing inventory control of medical objects comprising: a scanner; a counter for receiving the signal from the scanning device and determine a first count of the medical objects before the surgical procedure and a second count of the medical objects after the surgical procedure; and a reconciling device for receiving the first and second counts from the counter and for comparing

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the first count and the second count to determining if the first count equals the second count, classified in class 705, subclass 29.

Respectfully submitted,

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